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Appl. No. : 10/561,960
(National Stage of PCT/JP04/09085)

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I. A. Filed : 22 June 2004

For : BENDING APPARATUS, METHOD THEREOF, AND BENDING TOOL

COVER LETTER

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Sir:

In response to the Decision (copy attached) of January 11, 2007, which set a two-month period of response until March 12, 2007 (March 11, 2007 falling on a Sunday), Applicants hereby submit:

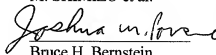
- A Verification of Translation under 37 C.F.R. 1.69, verifying that the English language text in the Declaration filed on May 22, 2006 is an accurate translation of the Japanese language text in the Declaration filed on May 22, 2006.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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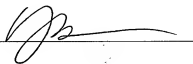
VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

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declare that I am well acquainted with both the Japanese and English languages, and that the English text included in the declaration filed on May 22, 2006 for Application No.: 10/561,960 is an accurate translation, to the best of my knowledge and ability, of the Japanese language text included therein.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-captioned application or any patent issued thereon.

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In re Application of :
SHIMIZU, Masayuki et al. :
Application No.: 10/561,960 :
PCT No.: PCT/JP2004/009085 :
Int. Filing Date: 22 June 2004 : DECISION
Priority Date: 23 June 2003 :
Attorney's Docket No.: P29023 :
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR BENDING, :
AND BENDING DIE :

This is a decision on applicants' 02 November 2006 submission to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

BACKGROUND

On 22 March 2006, the Office mailed Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration, an English translation, the surcharge for late filing of the search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration and the processing fee for late filing of the English translation were required.

On 22 May 2006, applicants filed a declaration, a translation of the claims and the fees.

On 02 October 2006, the Office mailed Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) indicating that the first name of the fifth inventor did not match the published international application.

On 02 November 2006, applicants filed this response to the Notification, indicating that the declaration listing is correct and the discrepancy is the result of a transliteration error.

DISCUSSION

The explanation that the fifth inventor is "Hisashi Uto," that he is correctly listed on the declaration and that the incorrect listing of his name on the international application was the result of a transliteration error, is acceptable. MPEP 201.03.

However, the declaration is not a USPTO form and is not accompanied by a statement that the English text is an accurate translation of the foreign text. See 37 CFR 1.69. A statement that the English text is an accurate translation of the Japanese or a new declaration is required.

CONCLUSION

Applicant is required to comply with 37 CFR 1.69 within a time period of TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this Decision. THIS PERIOD FOR RESPONSE MAY BE EXTENDED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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